

March 1941

W. J. Breckenridge April 3rd.

As far as most calendars are concerned, our March meeting will be held in April. Scheduling lecturers at just the date you want them is a man-sized job, and once in a while plans don't work out according to ordinary calendars. But that's no problem to the Bird Club. We're always trying to jam 27 hours or so into 24-hour days anyway. So, for the sake of the record, and as far as the club is concerned, our March meeting will take place on March 34th and will feature W. J. Breckenridge, the celebrated bird artist and curator of the Minnesota Museum of Natural History, Minneapolis. Mr. Breckenridge has participated in bird expeditions to Hudson's Bay and, with Major Allen Brooks, to British Columbia, but has specialized in research on birds of the midwest. And his color pictures in his lecture, "Birding in Minnesota With a Colored Camera", will be of birds we know and want to know better. Many of us turn to Breckenridge's bird plates often for help in identifying puzzling species. It'll be a real thrill to meet him in person at the Adult Study Center, Lake and Waterman, 8 o'clock, Thursday evening, April 3rd, or rather, March 34th!!

C. E. Gillham April 29th

Lecturing before the St. Louis Bird Club on April 29th will be C. E. Gillham, Mississippi Flying Representative of the Biological Survey, who is being brought back for another lecture by popular demand. Many of you will recall Gillham's breathtaking pictures and talk last spring; needless to say you'll be on hand for his new pictures taken on last summer's Alaskan trip. But to our new members -- you've a real treat in store in C. E. Gillham, the ornithologist whom Time magazine recently credited as the "behind-the-scenes" inspiration for the discovery of the nest of Ross's Goose, the man in whom the Biological Survey has entrusted the watching of the great Mississippi Flyway, a job that requires his constantly following the birds from Louisiana in winter to Canada and Alaska in the summer and points between. Fortunately April finds the birds with us. And, on schedule, and with us, we're happy to announce, will be C. E. Gillham.

T. Gilbert Pearson May 16th

Climaxing the Club's '41 spring lecture season will be none other than T. Gilbert Pearson, President Emeritus of the National Audubon Society, and Chairman of the International Committee for Bird Preservation. Dr. Pearson, you know, was Editor-in-Chief of "Birds of America" and has just completed a tour of several months through South America studying the southern bird situation. His coming to address us is one of the finest bits of news we've ever been able to release to you, and plans are under way for him to appear at a big Bird Club dinner topping off the season. More details later.

-BIRD WALKS-

Boy, oh Boy! April's comin'! Which means Bird Walks. And we hope - plenty of 'em. Here's the schedule:---

1. For Club members only: -- Bird walks every Saturday in April starting from Jefferson Memorial at 7 A.M.
2. For members and the public:--- Bird walks every Sunday in April starting from Jefferson Memorial at 7 A.M.

Bring binoculars or field glasses if at all possible. Walks are arranged so that if you have other appointments you can drop out whenever you wish. Walks normally will run two or three hours. Be on time!

An Appeal from the President

Here is an urgent appeal from our President, Wayne Short. Won't you Respond?

"Dear Members:- Another April means those Bird Walks we've been looking forward to so long. I am writing personal letters to many of you who assisted last year as walk leaders but there are some who may have been unintentionally missed, new members who might want to volunteer, and others of you who may have hidden talents when it comes to leading Bird Walks. To all members I direct this appeal: We are approaching the time of year when we render our greatest public service - the time when we invite others to share with us the pleasure of seeing and studying birds. It is this time that every member of us who is capable, should consider it a rare privilege to share his knowledge of birds with our many guests who want to learn, by volunteering to help lead or assist in leading our Sunday April Bird Walks. Won't you please write me immediately at 1207 N. 7th saying you'll be glad to help? Sincerely yours, -- Wayne Short."

New Club Stationery

You should see the New Bird Club Stationery. Dick Grossenheider, a bird artist you'll be hearing more about, has done a beautiful drawing of Great Blue Herons which the club has had turned into stationery that has us beaming with pride of possession and admiration for Dick, and one of the nicest things about it is that arrangements have been made for you to enjoy this stationery for your own use. A price has been arrived at that is about as amazing as the stationery --- one penny per sheet or per envelope. You may order any amount by addressing a note to Mrs. H. R. Grummann, 7330 Dorset, University City.

To Richard Grossenheider - - Thanks a Million!!!

Membership

Accompanying this issue of the Bird Club Bulletin is a list of our members. It's been compiled because we think it'll be fun finding out just who we all really are.

It is with great pleasure that we report a recent action of the Board of Directors who have seen fit to confer an additional membership -- honorary membership in the Club -- on three life and active members for long and meritorious service. These three, we are happy to announce, are:-- L.R. Ernst, Dr. Louis Behrens and Sterling P. Jones.

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It will interest you to know that some life members and our patrons have been members since 1916. Dues of life members and patrons made up an endowment fund, which is now \$400.00, and only the interest can be converted to general expenses.

Our total membership as of March 1st was 317

Missouri Audubon Society Meeting

Many of you will want to attend the annual public meeting of the Missouri Audubon Society. Announcement has come that this year's meeting is to be at Columbia on April 19th and 20th. Arrangements are not yet complete, but we guarantee it'll be a

grand meeting with a big percentage of bird boosters from all over the state in attendance. Further details can be obtained by writing Mr. George Moore, Sullivan, Missouri.

Incidentally, only 13% of our members hold membership in the Missouri Audubon Society. We heartily recommend that others of you join. Being a member of the St. Louis Bird Club entitles you to join the Missouri Audubon Society for only fifty cents additional. You'll be helping along bird work in Missouri and at the same time receiving the Bluebird, a monthly publication that's alive with everything that's going on in Missouri from a bird study standpoint. Reports from observers all over the state are included in the Bluebird and you'll find it fun comparing your observations with those of others. Send your fifty cents to our treasurer, Nelle Lee Jenkinson, 4497 Pershing.

A Great Victory

The Bird Club joins in the applause of thousands of others acclaiming the victory of the National Audubon Society in the feather feud that's been raging throughout the country the past several months. We add our particular praise to that of Time magazine which recently lauded Richard Pough, past President of the Club, who played a major role in the victory. Climax of the campaign occurred on February 6th when Feather Industries of America, Inc. (representing 90% of the feather manufacturers, dealers and jobbers in the country) agreed with the National Audubon Society to waive after a period of six years, all constitutional rights to the possession of wild bird plumage, and agreed also to join the Society in advocating immediate federal and state legislation to bring about permanent cessation of all traffic in wild bird plumage in the United States. The victory in one sentence: Six years after February 6, 1941 all wild bird plumage, except that in actual use for personal adornment, will be contraband in the United States.

This is one more reason why the St. Louis Bird Club is proud of its membership in the National Audubon Society.